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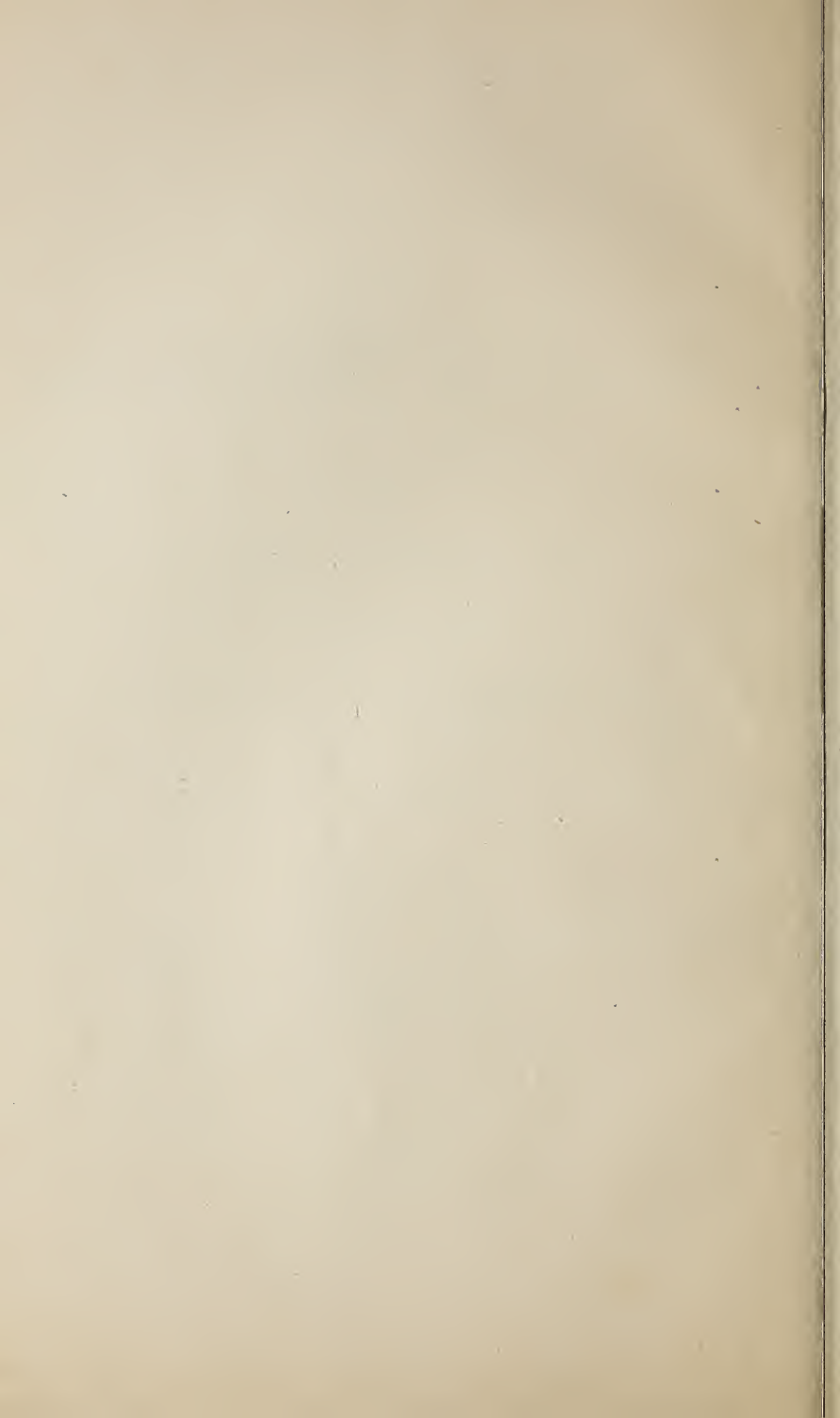
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1896.

Town Clerk and Treasurer :

JOHN A. HOLWAY.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor :

JOHN F. CARLETON, HIRAM H. HEALD,
EDWARD B. HOWLAND.

School Committee :

Term ending 1899, { HARRIET A. MORSE,
JOHN H. STEVENS,
FRANCIS R. HOLWAY.

Term ending 1898, { ROBERT ARMSTRONG,
ELIZABETH CLARK,
JAMES L. LAWRENCE.

Term ending 1897, { CHARLES DILLINGHAM,
ROBERT H. FAUNCE, *Chairman*,
FRANK A. FISHER.

Superintendent of Schools :

E. J. EDMANDS.

Superintendent of Streets :

STEPHEN S. CHIPMAN.

Board of Health :

WILLARD E. BOYDEN, Term expires in 1899.
DR. ROBERT H. FAUNCE, Term expires in 1898.
DR. GEORGE E. WHITE, Term expires in 1897.

Auditors :

FLETCHER CLARK, GEORGE L. HAINES.

Collector of Taxes :

PELEG T. BROWN. Commission 1 1-2 per cent.

Sealer of Weights and Measures :

SETH O. ELLIS.

Constables :

EUGENE W. HAINES, ROBERT ARMSTRONG,
JUSTUS H. CROCKER, STEPHEN F. CASHIN,
OLIVER A. BRIGGS.

Field Drivers :

SANFORD I. MORSE, LABAN P. CROCKER,
ROBERT ARMSTRONG.

Fence Viewers :

GUSTAVUS HOWLAND, CHARLES E. POPE,
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN, JOHN F. CARLETON.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber :

GUSTAVUS HOWLAND, SAMUEL H. NYE,
CHARLES E. POPE, JOHN PERCIVAL.

Registrars of Voters :

ISAAC K. CHIPMAN, WILLIAM L. NYE,
JOHN McCANN, JOHN A. HOLWAY, (*ex-officio*).

Inspector of Animals :

SAMUEL H. NYE.

Fire Wards :

EUGENE W. HAINES, SANFORD I. MORSE,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN, GEORGE H. WRIGHT.

Forest Fire Wards :

DAVID A. HOXIE, SAMUEL H. NYE,
NELSON HOWLAND, JOHN PERCIVAL,
ROBERT ARMSTRONG, RUSSEL E. TUPPER.

Trustees of the Public Library :

Term ending 1899,	{	SAMUEL B. FLAGG, ALICE C. LEONARD, SARAH T. McLAUGHLIN.
Term ending 1898,	{	ALICE R. COOKE, WILLIAM H. WOODWELL, JOHN F. CARLETON.
Term ending 1897,	{	BENJAMIN G. BARTLEY, CHARLES DILLINGHAM, CHARLES L. NORTON.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

We present herewith our annual report of the receipts and expenditures in the several departments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896. Also the financial standing of the town at the close of the year. The total number of orders that have been drawn on the several accounts is 665, for which vouchers on file may be seen at this office.

JOHN F. CARLETON,
HIRAM H. HEALD,
EDWARD B. HOWLAND,

Selectmen.

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN, }
SANDWICH, JAN. 1, 1897. }

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

JOHN A. HOLWAY, *Treasurer.*

1896.		
Jan.	1.	To balance, \$789.64
	4.	Cash, town of Bourne, for paupers, 60.03
	4.	Cash, County Treasurer, dog tax, refunded, 193.96
	6.	Joseph B. Hall, rent for 1895, 35.00
	23.	J. E. Holway, for hog, 17.82
	25.	State Treasurer, Massachusetts school fund, 425.60
	25.	Town of Cohasset, for paupers, 38.46
	25.	Town of Middleboro, for paupers, 40.48
Feb.	13.	Town of Cohasset, for paupers, 40.00
Mar.	2.	Town of Middleboro, for paupers, 102.33
	6.	Town of Attleboro, for paupers, 91.00
	20.	State Treasurer, balance corporation tax, 413.35
	20.	Isaiah Spindell & Co., fish weir licenses, 60.00
Apr.	2.	First district court, fines, 5.00
	10.	Town of Mashpee, 26.19
	11.	L. F. Chamberlain, for board, 26.00
May	5.	Fletcher Clark, admr., loan, 1,000.00
	15.	State Treasurer, inspection of cattle, 34.75
	15.	George N. Chipman, license, 1.00
June	10.	James W. Longstreet & Co., loan, 1,000.00
July	1.	First district court, fines, 10.00
	6.	R. L. Day & Co., loan, 3,000.00
	11.	L. F. Chamberlain, for board, 19.96
	22.	Town of Cohasset, for paupers, 84.50
Aug.	1.	Town of Bourne, herring fisheries, 333.70
Sept.	1.	J. A. Omans estate, 141.58
	23.	State Treasurer, supt. of school fund, 562.50
Oct.	1.	First district court, fines, 10.00
	23.	T. L. Mayo & Co., fish weir licenses, 15.00

Dec. 12.	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	713.52
12.	National bank tax,	415.75
12.	State aid for 1895,	618.00
17.	State paupers,	18.03
21.	Allyn & Bacon, for books,	17.22
29.	Joseph B. Hall, rent for 1896,	35.00
31.	Muskrat skins,	15.68
31.	Dog tax for 1896,	212.40
31.	Town of Bourne for paupers,	365.77
31.	E. B. Howland, for potatoes,	2.25
31.	P. T. Brown, for white lead,	5.36
31.	J. L. Lawrence, error in bill,	2.50
31.	C. J. Peters, for support of children,	199.16
31.	S. N. Burbank, for board,	81.00
31.	Rent of hall,	38.00
31.	Care fares,	15.80
31.	Auctioneer licenses,	12.00
31.	P. T. Brown, interest on taxes for 1893,	.74
31.	P. T. Brown, interest on taxes for 1894,	15.42
31.	P. T. Brown, interest on taxes for 1895,	48.31
31.	P. T. Brown, taxes for 1892,	572.44
31.	P. T. Brown, taxes for 1893,	377.69
31.	P. T. Brown, taxes for 1894,	1,231.61
31.	P. T. Brown, taxes for 1895,	5,050.46
31.	P. T. Brown, taxes for 1896,	7,914.32
		<hr/>
		\$26,556.28

Cr.

By Contingent orders paid,	\$12,311.28	
Pauper orders paid,	4,813.61	
Road orders paid,	2,966.72	
School orders paid,	5,898.75	
Cash on hand,	565.92	
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		\$26,556.28

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Sandwich, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, John A. Holway, from Jan. 1, 1896, to Jan. 1, 1897, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

FLETCHER CLARK,
GEORGE L. HAINES,
Auditors.

Dr.

To cash on hand Jan. 1, 1896,	\$789.64	
Received from Jan. 1, 1896,		
to Jan. 1, 1897,	25,766.64	
	<hr/>	\$26,556.28

Cr.

By cash paid on contingent account,	\$12,311.28	
Pauper	"	4,813.61
Road	"	2,966.72
School	"	5,898.75
By cash on hand,	565.92	
	<hr/>	\$26,556.28

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

PELEG T. BROWN, *Collector.*

Tax of 1892.

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1896,	\$572.47
Amount collected during the year,	572.47

Tax of 1893.

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1896,	\$365.39
Amount collected during the year,	365.39

Tax of 1894.

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1896,	\$2,404.76	
Amount collected during the year,	1,231.31	
		\$1,173.45

Tax of 1895.

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1896,	\$6,222.84	
Amount collected during the year,	5,050.46	
		1,172.38

Tax of 1896.

Amount committed,	\$14,437.75	
Amount collected Jan. 1, 1897,	7,813.42	
		6,624.33
Tax added in 1896,		50.00
Interest due on unpaid taxes,		93.83
		9,113.99
Amount due the town Jan. 1, 1897,		638.93
Less commission on '94, '95 and '96,		
		\$8,475.06

The amount of interest collected in 1896 is \$64.47.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

A. P. Wing, reporting deaths,		\$5.00
Mary Ball, single woman's exemption tax of 1895,		7.60
George E. White, reporting births,		1.00
Charles Quinn, court fees,	3.51	
Services connected with election,	10.00	
	<hr/>	13.51
Robert Armstrong, court fees,	.75	
Constable's services,	2.00	
	<hr/>	2.75
Charles E. Pope, care of town clock, 1895,	50.00	
Care of town clock, 1896,	50.00	
Labor on trees,	.50	
	<hr/>	100.50
George L. Haines, services as auditor,		6.00
Edward B. Howland, services as selectman and assessor,	175.00	
Labor on town report,	12.00	
Expenses to Boston, New Bedford, and Barnstable,	11.95	
	<hr/>	198.95
Martin Gibbs, labor on order board of health,		4.00
Fletcher Clark, services as auditor,	6.00	
Oil, chimneys, and sundry supplies,	6.09	
	<hr/>	12.09
J. B. Vodon, abatement taxes 1894, overvaluation,		3.04
Axel Roos, abatement of tax of 1894 and 1895, no taxable property,		1.46
Sarah M. Woods, abatement of tax of 1895, single woman's exemption,		7.60
S. C. Smith, abatement of tax of 1895, property not owned or overvalued,		6.08
Solomon B. Rich, court fees,		11.91
Lyman E. Baxter, court fees,		10.86

John F. Carleton, labor on town report,	12.00	
Services as selectman and assessor,	175.00	
	<hr/>	187.00
Dennis Donovan, care of Library street lamp,		14.75
S. I. Morse, supplies for lockup,		2.07
Joseph B. Hall, labor at town hall,		4.15
J. R. Holway, 1-2 cord wood at town hall,		2.25
George F. Hoxie, 1 cord of wood at town hall,		4.50
New Bedford Printing Co., printing town reports,	63.75	
Printing voting lists,	11.00	
	<hr/>	74.75
Angeline B. Gibbs, reporting births,		.50
W. E. Boyden, expressage,		8.05
James D. Lloyd, abatement of tax of 1894, over-valuation,		.70
Chas. Dillingham, treas., appropriation for gilding clock dials,		25.00
F. B. & F. P. Goss, printing,		35.30
Eugene W. Haines, services connected with election,	9.00	
Other services as constable,	8.00	
Court fees,	2.34	
Care of engine,	5.00	
	<hr/>	24.34
John A. Holway, treasurer, mileage tickets,	53.50	
Stamps and envelopes,	23.90	
Note to Fletcher Clark, admr.,	2,500.00	
Note to International Trust Co.,	1,000.00	
Note to T. A. Packard,	500.00	
Note to Sarah F. Nichols,	1,000.00	
Interest on notes,	421.60	
Clearing roads of snow,	832.93	
Fire bills,	777.04	
Bounty on muskrats,	39.50	
State aid,	615.00	
Soldiers' aid,	60.00	
Military aid,	24.00	
	<hr/>	7,847.47
John A. Holway, services as town clerk and treasurer,		168.30
Samuel H. Nye, services as cattle inspector,		57.75

W. H. Gibbs, sawing and piling wood,		1.56
John McCann, services as registrar,	24.00	
Team for registrars,	1.50	
Abatement of tax of 1896, overvaluation,	5.92	
	<hr/>	31.42
A. F. Sherman, abstract of deeds,		10.00
P. B. Murphy, printing,		2.50
C. L. Foster, one cord wood at town Hall,		5.00
Fred Hallett & Co., printing,		3.25
F. C. Swift, court fees,		13.83
R. H. Faunce, return of births,		2.50
Perez Eldridge, sawing and piling wood,		1.62
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1-4 of liquor license fee,	.25	
State tax,	682.50	
	<hr/>	682.75
Heirs of John Montague, abatement of tax of 1895, no taxable property,		3.80
Geo. L. Haines, Q. M., Memorial Day appropriation,		75.00
Priscilla M. Pells, labor at town hall,		2.70
B. G. Bartley, treas., appropriations for Public Library,		120.00
George W. Rogers, services as ballot clerk,		6.00
A. & D. Bramer, repairs,		.40
C. Thomas Pope, sawing and piling wood,		.45
Isaac H. Wing, abatement of tax of 1895, overvaluation,		6.20
Arthur Braman, services as teller and town clerk pro tem.,		3.00
B. F. Denson, labor of self and man on trees and cemetery,		19.00
J. L. Fairbanks, order and blank books,		16.00
Oliver A. Briggs, court fees,	10.16	
Watching fire,	7.00	
	<hr/>	17.16
Elizabeth A. Maley, abatement of tax, single woman's exemption,		7.60
Charles Richardson & Co., 500 lbs. white lead,		26.25
N. Y., N. H. & H. railroad, freight,		.55
S. F. Cashin, services as constable,		5.00
Joseph S. Bassett, abatement of tax of 1896, property not owned,		2.59

E. J. Edmands, abatement of tax of 1896, overvaluation,	.74
Frederic S. Pope, obtaining list of dogs,	5.00
Justice fees,	2.50
Distributing reports,	2.50
Sundry services and supplies,	8.70
Services as janitor,	16.00
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	34.70
I. K. Chipman, services as registrar,	24.00
Broad Guage Iron works, letters for town hall,	10.75
Eugene C. Bourne, abatement of tax of 1896, prop- erty not owned,	1.11
Estate B. B. Briggs, abatement of tax of 1896, prop- erty not taxable,	16.28
W. L. Nye, services as registrar,	24.00
Eliza Murphy, abatement of tax of 1896, single wom- an's exemption,	7.40
H. L. Chipman, printing,	2.50
Oscar Howland, painting town hall,	45.15
P. T. Brown, collector's fees on taxes of '92 and '93,	432.84
P. T. Brown, collector, abatement of taxes of 1895 and 1896 of members of the fire department,	104.00
Abatement of uncollectable taxes of 1892 and 1893,	252.14
Stamps, etc.,	10.64
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	366.78
Ann F. Shevlin, abatement of tax of 1895, widow's exemption,	7.60
Sarah M. Woods, abatement of tax of 1895, single woman's exemption,	7.60
Thomas R. Fisher, labor on trees,	2.89
Ezra N. Lewis, abatement of tax of 1896, overval- uation,	3.48
H. H. Heald, services as selectman and assessor,	175.00
Charles Dillingham, services as moderator,	10.00
S. O. Ellis, labor on lockup and on road pump,	12.50
Sandwich Card & Tag Co., printing,	4.00
T. L. Southack, abatement of poll tax of 1896, taxed elsewhere,	2.00
John Q. Miller estate, abatement of tax of 1896, prop- erty not owned,	1.48

Russell E. Tupper, abatement of tax of 1896, property not owned,		.74
Sylvanus Hoxie, abatement of tax of 1896, property not owned,		2.22
B. W. Covill, sawing and piling wood,		1.00
County of Barnstable, county tax,	982.16	
Dog tax,	212.40	
	<hr/>	1,194.56
		\$12,311.48

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By town appropriation,	\$1,000.00	
" " Public Library and chairs,	120.00	
" " debt and interest,	1,000.00	
" " Memorial Day,	75.00	
" " burial lot,	10.00	
Overlayings,	368.09	
Rent of town hall,	38.00	
Balance of corporation tax,	413.35	
Loan from F. Clark, admr.,	1,000.00	
" " James W. Longstreet & Co.,	1,000.00	
" " R. L. Day & Co.,	3,000.00	
Court fines,	25.00	
Fish weir licenses,	75.00	
Dog licenses,	212.45	
Car fares,	15.80	
Corporation tax,	713.52	
National Bank tax,	415.75	
State aid,	618.00	
Liquor licenses,	1.00	
Herring fishery,	333.70	
Assessment for State tax,	682.50	
" " County tax,	982.16	
Errors in collector's bills, to be refunded in '97,	22.60	
Amount received for muskrat skins,	15.68	
Rent from Joseph B. Hall,	70.00	
Auctioneers' licenses,	12.00	
Old account paid by town of Mashpee,	26.19	
Cost of cattle inspection, reimbursed by State,	34.75	
Interest received on taxes,	64.47	
	<hr/>	12,344.96
Balance,		\$33.48

ROAD ACCOUNT.

James L. Wesson, pipe,		\$15.32
S. I. Morse, labor with team,	142.00	
S. I. Morse, pipe, cement, nails, etc.,	24.58	
	<hr/>	166.58
Martin Carrol, labor,		95.97
Joseph B. McArdle, labor,		122.76
Stephen S. Chipman :		
Care of highways,	254.00	
Use of horse,	21.30	
Gravel,	31.32	
	<hr/>	306.62
James Maley, labor,		83.76
Patrick Smith, labor,		22.17
Nicholas Black, labor,		54.25
Jako Anderson,		41.13
John M. Perry, labor with team,		86.20
J. Q. Miller estate, labor with team,		162.00
William Dalton, labor,		69.25
James Keenan estate, labor with team,		171.60
Terrance Maley, labor,		32.17
John McArdle, labor,		112.20
Patrick McElroy, labor,		51.17
George Taylor & Co., cutting edge,		8.50
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.. iron rails,		20.89
Daniel F. Hilliard, labor with team,		259.55
Eugene Allen, labor,		30.00
Cornelius Driscoll, labor,		29.00
F. A. Fisher, labor,		14.00
H. Fish, labor,		1.50
D. A. Hoxie, labor,		9.00
J. H. Crocker, labor with team,		50.00
E. O. Fish, labor,		15.50
A. Trench, labor,		4.50

T. Pattison Smith, labor,	41.20
W. W. Fifield, labor,	6.50
B. W. Fish, labor,	9.50
H. C. Pulsifer, labor,	14.00
Ephraim Fish, labor,	3.00
H. G. Landers, labor,	9.75
Stephen M. Jones, labor,	8.83
D. W. Hilliard, labor,	22.65
G. A. Weeks, labor,	23.70
John A. Carlson, labor, in part with team,	53.00
B. W. Lovell, labor,	13.83
James Denison, labor,	3.60
Oliver Hoxie, labor,	3.00
Charles Meiggs, labor,	4.50
Henry Goodspeed, gravel,	3.66
B. A. Ewer, labor, in part with horse,	9.00
A. P. Jones, labor,	20.48
Frank L. Howland, labor with team,	84.80
S. H. Nye, labor with team,	21.20
W. Anderson, labor, in part with team,	19.92
S. J. Jones, labor,	39.25
Joseph Ewer, gravel,	22.32
J. R. Holway, labor with team,	97.80
Zenas Crocker, gravel,	4.30
Frank McHugh, labor,	12.00
Charles Gibbs, labor,	16.33
Patrick Swanzey, labor,	32.00
Benjamin F. Denson, labor and gravel,	13.55
Raymond W. Jones, labor,	7.00
Rodman Hilliard, labor,	4.50
Roland J. Fish, labor, in part with team,	54.75
George W. Wright, labor,	7.50
John Horan, labor,	18.00
Luther Douglas, labor,	12.00
Frank McHugh, labor,	9.00
John Percival, labor,	4.00
Fletcher Clark, tile and brick,	8.25
James L. Lawrence, labor with horse, and supplies,	40.42
James Buckley, labor,	15.50
William Gibbs, labor,	3.00
Andrew Harlow, labor,	2.58

S. O. Ellis, labor,	5.50
Barnabas Holway, posts,	4.00
James S. Bicknell, repairs,	2.50
Robert Armstrong, labor,	7.73
Winfred B. Lovell,	2.67
G. Howland, lumber, etc.,	12.41
J. W. Chadwick, labor with horse,	3.00
S. F. Braley, labor,	4.67
Robert R. Fuller, labor, loam and supplies,	30.84
J. C. C. Ellis, repairs,	2.37
James Haskell, labor,	7.25
Henry Coffee, one-half expense curbing,	16.73
John H. Sullivan, repairs and supplies,	17.19
John Chipman, labor,	1.50
George S. Wing, gravel,	12.60
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	\$2,966.72

CREDIT.

By appropriation,	2,500.00
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Deficiency,	\$466.72

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Total school expenses for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896,	\$5,898.75
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CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$5,000.00	
Dog fund,	193.96	
Mass. school fund income,	425.60	
Superintendent's salary,	562.50	
Books returned,	17.22	
Cash received,	2.50	
	<hr/>	6,201.78
Balance,		<hr/> \$303.03

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

P. Donovan, board of E. McConnell,	\$2.00
Mrs. Ellen Donovan, board of E. McConnell,	15.00
Town of Bourne, aid to Moses Nye,	2.25
B. F. Denison, butchering,	4.50
Town of Whitman, aid to Walter H. Fisher,	24.70
E. B. Howland :	
Coal,	187.24
Services as overseer,	100.00
Expenses to Boston (3 times), Taunton,	
Somerville and New Bedford,	15.30
Expenses to Yarmouth, Boston, New	
Bedford and Taunton,	9.30
Expenses to Boston (twice), Cambridge	
and Somerville,	10.75
Expenses to Boston (twice), Somerville	
and Harwich,	9.40
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> 331.99
City of Cambridge :	
Aid to W. Crangle,	9.96
Board and transportation Thomas Earley,	28.11
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George H. Freeman, board of Abigail Fox,	78.42
Union Braiding Co., stove,	5.00
Mrs. John Pike, board of E. McConnell,	30.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight,	1.98
Joseph Humphrey, clams,	.50
C. H. B. Ellis, undertaker's services,	29.75
S. I. Morse, groceries,	295.67
J. E. Marsh, rent for Nellie Buckley,	49.00
Jerome R. Holway, wood,	2.25
H. L. Chipman, advertising,	3.25
D. S. Neal, provisions,	123.87
John McCann, groceries,	179.23

Charles Quinn, care of tramps,		10.00
E. W. Haines, care of tramps,	5.25	
Shoes,	29.30	
	<hr/>	34.55
S. N. Shuster, board of Frank Lovell,		52.00
Fletcher Clark, groceries,		190.25
John F. Carleton, services as Overseer,	50.00	
Fowl,	2.25	
	<hr/>	52.25
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of inmates,		880.24
B. W. Covill, labor,		.94
S. M. Jones, wood,		9.75
E. L. Wood, services as almshouse keeper,		227.00
J. Q. Miller estate, carriage hire,		7.00
Kelleher & Bassett, provisions,		38.61
Charles Gibbs, labor at almshouse,		4.50
F. F. Jones, agent, rent for Peters children,		40.00
E. Fish, wood,		6.75
E. J. Kenney, labor,		42.75
T. F. Atkins, carting,		.50
W. B. Crosby, fish and clams,		3.10
Cyrus L. Jones, hogs,		21.00
F. L. Howland, labor, fertilizer and flour,		62.05
R. J. Farquhar, seed,		2.00
Mrs. Abby M. Tinkham, dressmaking,		2.38
Mass. Association of Relief Officers, reports,		3.00
William L. Nye, services as auctioneer,		7.00
F. W. Chipman, turnips,		1.20
Henry P. Hoxie, labor,		10.00
Children's Aid Society, board Minnie McConnell,		75.00
M. F. Delano, medical attendance,		62.30
B. G. Bartley, dry goods,		9.49
John Nagle, salting and delivering herring,		2.10
J. E. Marsh, Treasurer:		
Appropriation for land in Mt. Hope		
Cemetery,	10.00	
Care of cemetery lot,	2.00	
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Charles H. Chapouile, supplies to almshouse,		.97
Silas Fish, plants,		2.94

Commonwealth of Massachusetts :

Board of E. G. Dean,	17.18	
Board of James Jennings,	85.43	
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Nehemiah Packwood, mowing machine and repairs,		39.83
F. H. Burgess, rent for Otis E. Denson,		78.00
Rodman Hilliard, board of Frank Hilliard,		24.00
C. H. Goldthwaite, trusses,		5.25
John Carlson, 20 cords of wood,		85.00
J. E. Holway, provisions,		53.07
Jako Anderson, help in sickness,		8.00
George E. White, medical attendance,		17.50
George B. Evans, medicine,		1.84
L. D. Hamblin, rent for Charles Keene,		9.00
Mrs. J. Chase, labor,		2.00
R. S. Smith, repairs on sewing machine,		3.00
Danvers Hospital, board of E. G. Dean,		85.44
James L. Lawrence, wood,		5.00
James A. Lovell, wood,		2.50
Robert H. Faunce, medical attendance,		39.00
D. F. Neal, services as almshouse keeper,		250.68
City of Malden, board of E. G. Dean,		48.58
P. F. Rivers, fish,		6.19
John Kelleher, wood,		13.50
I. K. Chipman, labor,		15.75
Alvin P. Wing, undertaker's services,		48.00
P. H. Robinson, cow,		30.00
B. W. Fish, provisions,		12.34
N. H. Fish, labor,		46.20
L. A. Hamblin, clams,		1.50
O. H. Howland, tinware, etc.,		29.55
G. Howland, lumber,		168.63
Estate John Murray, dry goods,		121.96
J. M. Perry, services,		4.00
George E. Burbank, groceries,		126.97
W. R. Procter, medicines,		7.00
J. H. Drum, carriage hire,		7.00
W. P. Moroney, shoes,		37.15
C. E. Hoxie, fish,		.60
Town of Falmouth, medical attendance Emily Dennis,		78.00
Thomas H. Tobey, wood,		5.00

J. S. Bicknell, repairs,	6.10
H. H. Heald, services as overseer,	50.00
F. N. Holway, wood,	5.00
Hannah F. Harlow, aid,	35.00
R. S. Perry, fish,	1.32
Seth O. Ellis, labor and repairs,	5.50
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	\$4,813.61

OUTSIDE AID.

Outside aid furnished to persons having a settlement in Sandwich, for the year 1896.

Paid on account of Michael Hoyer,	\$11.00
Paid on account of Mrs. Nellie Buckley,	184.45
Paid on account of Elijah McConnell,	54.50
Paid on account of Frank Hilliard,	48.00
Paid on account of John Callahan,	1.75
Paid on account of Hannah Harlow,	35.00
Paid on account of Mrs. Margaret McCarthy,	12.57
Paid on account of William Haskell,	15.00
Paid on account of Benjamin Dillingham,	3.50

PERSONS AIDED IN OTHER PLACES.

Persons aided in other places whose settlement is in this town.

Paid on account of Moses Nye :	
To Town of Bourne,	\$2.25
Paid on account of Emily Dennis :	
To Town of Falmouth,	78.00
Paid on account of William Crangle :	
To City of Cambridge,	9.96
Paid on account of Walter H. Fisher :	
To Town of Whitman,	24.70
Paid on account of Abigail Fox :	
To George H. Freeman,	78.42
Paid on account of Minnie McConnell :	
To Children's Aid Society,	75.00
Paid on account of Thomas Early :	
To City of Cambridge,	28.11
Paid on account of James H. Jennings :	
To the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and re-	
imbursed by him in full since Jan. 1, 1897,	85.43

Paid on account of Arthur Pierce :	
To Town of Harwich,	67.00
Paid on account of E. G. Dean :	
To the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	17.18
To City of Malden,	48.58
To Danvers Asylum,	85.44
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	151.20
Paid to Taunton Lunatic Hospital on account of the following persons :	
James M. Atherton,	169.92
Hiram P. Jones,	169.92
Dennis Russell,	169.92
Laura Holway,	156.60
Leander Chamberlain, and refunded in full by him,	74.96
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PERSONS AIDED IN THIS TOWN.

Persons aided in this town whose settlement is elsewhere.

Paid on account of Rose A. Burgess, of Cohasset,	\$169.92
Paid on account of Otis E. Denson, of No. Attleboro,	94.88
Paid on account of C. J. Peters, of Westboro, and re- funded by him,	213.57
Paid on account of Martin Gibbs, of Bourne,	6.70
Paid on account of Charles Keene, of Bourne,	123.92
Paid on account of Frank Lovell, of Bourne,	78.15
Paid on account of H. H. P. Lovell, of Middleboro,	157.01
Paid on account of Preserved Braley, of Freetown,	12.00
Paid on account of Jako Anderson, of the Common- wealth,	25.50
Paid on account of Matti Kahmo, of the Common- wealth,	17.18
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ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Almshouse account for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Dr.

Keeper's salary,	\$477.68
Labor,	152.95
Groceries and grain,	510.09
Provisions,	127.78
Fuel,	219.02
Lumber,	168.63
Medical attendance and medicine,	27.09
Dry goods, clothing and shoes,	93.78
Furnishings,	74.83
Funeral expenses,	52.00
Stock, seed and fertilizer,	83.17
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1896,	756.20
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	\$2,743.29

Cr.

Board of Mr. and Mrs. Burbank,	\$81.00
Board of Bourne poor,	60.03
1 hog sold,	17.82
1 calf sold,	7.20
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1897,	903.70
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	1,069.75
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	\$1,673.54

STOCK ON HAND AT ALMSHOUSE,

JAN. 1, 1897.

4 cows,	\$100.00
1 horse,	25.00
2 hogs,	25.00
90 fowl,	45.00
1 farm wagon,	40.00
1 carriage,	60.00
1 mowing machine,	35.00

Tools,	20.00
2 ladders,	5.00
1 harness,	10.00
10 tons of hay,	200.00
2 tons of salt hay,	15.00
2 tons of bedding,	12.00
50 lbs of pork,	4.00
Coffee,	.64
Spices,	1.00
1-2 bbl. flour,	2.13
100 lbs. sugar,	5.25
1 lb. of cocoa,	.08
3 lbs. of oatmeal,	.24
2 lbs. of soda,	.16
150 lbs of soap,	8.00
11 packages of pearline,	.88
30 lbs. of raisins,	2.10
10 bushels of meal,	3.80
1 1-2 bushels of oats,	.48
75 lbs of granulated meal,	3.00
1-2 bbl. of pickles,	4.00
5 gallons of piccalilli,	2.00
1 doz. eggs,	.24
12 bushels of turnips,	6.00
300 lbs. of pork,	18.00
15 lbs. of lard,	1.20
40. lbs. of butter,	6.40
4 bbls. of apples,	4.00
17 gallons of oil,	1.70
58 yards of cotton,	2.90
40 empty barrels,	6.00
12 cords of wood, cut and housed,	84.00
6 tons of coal,	43.50
Standing wood,	75.00
Fire annihilators,	25.00

\$903.70

SUMMARY OF POOR ACCOUNT.

Summary of poor account, showing the cost of support of poor for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Dr.

Almshouse, orders drawn,	\$1,987.09
Outside aid, orders drawn,	2,626.52
Overseers' salaries,	200.00
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1896,	756.20
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	\$5,569.81

Cr.

Received from Town of Bourne,	\$425.80	
" " " Middleboro,	142.81	
" " " North Attleboro,	91.00	
" " " Cohasset,	162.96	
" " Commonwealth of Mass.,	18.03	
" " S. N. Burbank,	81.00	
" " Charles J. Peters,	199.26	
" " J. A. Omans estate,	141.58	
" " Leander Chamberlain,	45.96	
" " E. B. Howland, potatoes,	2.25	
" " J. E. Holway, hog,	17.82	
" " calf sold,	7.20	
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1897,	903.70	
Bills due the town of Sandwich,	508.51	
Bills of previous years paid in 1896,	66.85	
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Appropriation,		2,700.00
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		5,514.73
Total expenditures,		5,569.81
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Deficiency,		\$55.08

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Michael Quinn,	Stephen Quinn,
Samuel C. Burbank,	Charles Hamblin,
William Daniels,	Benjamin Hoxie,
Mrs. Samuel C. Burbank,	Julia McHugh,
Mary McCarthy,	Mary J. Jackson,
Ascenath Meiggs,	Effie Norris, (Bourne poor).

The above have been inmates through the year.

Mary S. Baker has been an inmate	103	days.
Henry Nye has been an inmate	194	"
Elijah McConnell has been an inmate	240	"
Charles R. Swift has been an inmate	282	"
William Crangle has been an inmate	112	"
William Dennis has been an inmate	30	"
Nicholas Lutz (state poor) has been an inmate	6	"
Mattie Kahmo (state poor) has been an inmate	13	"
Benjamin Dillingham has been an inmate	7	"
Twelve inmates, 366 days each,	4,397	

Equal to one inmate for	5,384	"
or	769 1-7 weeks	

There has been one death during the year, Charles R. Swift, Oct. 9.

Forty-eight tramps have received a night's lodging.

STATE AID.

Chapter 301.

Annie F. Shevlin,	\$48.00
Benjamin Ewer,	48.00
Sarah Allen,	48.00
Elizabeth Chipman,	48.00
Sarah S. Swift,	48.00
Grazilda N. Barnard,	48.00
Patrick McElroy,	36.00
John F. Cunningham,	36.00
Rebecca L. Cunningham,	36.00

Edward Brady,	60.00
Otis E. Denson,	48.00
William H. Abbott,	28.00
John D. Foster,	53.00
Charles H. Atwood,	16.00
Perez Eldridge,	14.00

The above is to be refunded in full by the State.

MILITARY AID.

Chapter 279.

Oliver C. Nye,	\$24.00
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One-half of the above is to be refunded by the State.

SOLDIERS' AID.

Hannah W. Dalton,	\$60.00
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VALUATION, ETC.

	May 1, 1895.	May 1, 1896.
Real estate,	\$733,675.00	\$744,125.00
Personal estate,	176,275.00	177,750.00
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Total,	\$909,950.00	\$921,875.00
Polls,	412	397
Rate,	\$15.20	\$14.80
Total tax,	\$14,655.24	\$14,437.75
No. residents assessed	444	479
No. non-residents assessed,	170	175
No. persons assessed on poll only,	162	160
Assessed value of buildings,	\$458,075.00	\$474,425.00
Assessed value of land,	275,600.00	269,700.00
No. of dwellings,	481	484
No. of horses,	210	201
No. of cows,	204	194
No. of neat cattle other than cows,	30	39
No. of sheep,	81	73
No. of fowl,	650	800
No. of acres of land,	20,955	20,955

SUMS ASSESSED IN 1896.

State tax,	\$682.50
County tax,	982.16

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools,	5,000.00
Roads,	2,500.00
Poor,	2,700.00
Contingent expenses,	1,000.00
For debt and interest,	1,000.00
Public Library and chairs,	120.00
Memorial Day,	75.00
Burial lot,	10.00
Overlayings,	368.09
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	\$14,437.75

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Financial condition of the town Jan. 1, 1897.

LIABILITIES.

Note to Thankful A. Packard,	\$800.00
Mercy F. Fish,	100.00
Charles Dillingham, Exr.,	1,000.00
Eliza A. Lovell,	150.00
Emma Jones,	50.00
Estate of Charles B. Hall,	3,300.00
Charles Dillingham, Treas.,	1,000.00
H. H. Heald, Trustee,	1,000.00
R. L. Day & Co.,	3,000.00
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	10,400.00
Interest due on notes,	85.27
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	\$10,485.27

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes,	\$8,475.06
Cash in hands of treasurer,	565.92
Expected reimbursement of State and Military Aid,	627.00
Mass. school fund,	362.57
Bills due the town,	508.51
Expected reimbursement of expenses cattle inspector,	28.87
Road tools,	75.00
Road machine,	125.00
O'Neil property,	100.00
Standing wood,	75.00
Fire engine,	600.00
Due from State, balance corporation tax,	219.56
Stock on hand at almshouse,	903.70
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	12,666.19
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Balance,	\$2,180.92

LIST OF JURORS.

List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen to be revised and accepted at the annual March meeting :

Thomas F. Kelleher,	George W. Rogers,
Orin H. Howland,	Frederick C. Eldred,
William L. Nye,	Jerome R. Holway,
Arthur Braman,	Isaac K. Chipman,
Laban P. Crocker,	Stephen S. Chipman,
Sanford I. Morse,	Peleg T. Brown,
F. H. Burgess,	Samuel W. Hunt,
Altred E. Dillingham,	Charles G. Ellis,
John A. Armstrong,	George S. Wing,
Sylvanus R. Bourne,	Benjamin G. Bartley,
John W. Dalton,	Levi S. Nye,
Willard E. Boyden,	Robert Armstrong.

GUIDE BOARDS.

Chapter 162 of the Acts of 1887, in relation to Guide Boards at the forks and intersections of highways and ways leading to other towns has been complied with.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Selectmen recommend that the following amounts be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year :

For the Poor,	\$2,700.00
Roads,	2,000.00
Contingent expenses,	1,000.00
Fire and snow bills,	1,500.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Births recorded in the Town Clerk's office during the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

- Feb. 12. Jules Frederic Parrot, son to Jules and Fanny (Bruchsel).
- Feb. 22. Thatcher Gray Scott, son to Charles and Eva (Waterman).
- Mar. 4. Alden Clark, son to Robert W. and Emma (Burgess).
- Mar. 8. (Illegitimate) son to Mary E. McMinneman.
- Mar. 10. Rachael Wing, daughter to Joseph and Adelaide G. (Nye)
- Apr. 5. ——— Anderson, daughter to Jacob and Lizzie (Hikkila).
- May 21. (Stillborn) (Braley) daughter to Frederic E. and Phoebe A. (Haskell)
- June 6. Mary Evelyn Nickerson, daughter to Arthur and Clara L. (Harding)
- July 8. Elliot Winsor Burbank, son to Frank C. and Nellie A. (Taylor)
- July 25. Mary Alice McHugh, daughter to William and Lena (Pike)
- Aug. 14. Marion Colby Armstrong, daughter to John A. and Lizzie O. (Shepard)

- Aug. 31. Frederick Carlton Wright, son to William C. and Tempie (Fish)
- Sept. 12. Harriet Estelle Russell, daughter to Samuel and Maggie (Parks).
- Sept. 20. Patience Ellis Denson, daughter to William F. and Abbie (Denson).
- Oct. 1. Grace Donovan, daughter to Dennis and Diana (Pine).
- Dec. 20. (Stillborn) Matson, son to Robert and Emma (Autio).
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MARRIAGES.

Marriages recorded in the Town Clerk's office during the year ending Dec. 31, 1895.

- Jan. 23. Calvin T. Ellis of Sandwich, Izelia L. C. Pollard of Sandwich.
- Jan. 29. Philip F. Murphy of Sandwich, Catherine Swanzev of Sandwich.
- Mar. 30. Jacques Lejune of New York, Maria L. Ratel of Sandwich.
- May 14. Simeon P. Crowell of Hyannis, Ida Hilliard of Sandwich.

- May 20. Warren R. Procter of Sandwich, Alina M. Dexter of Fairhaven.
- June 3. William C. Shuster of Sandwich, Martha E. Peters of Sandwich.
- June 17. John A. Holway of Sandwich, Etta M. Brackett of Sandwich.
- June 24. John E. Blake of Sandwich, Grace A. Burt of New Brunswick, N. J.
- June 27. Walter C. Clark of Brockton, Hettie F. Holway of Brockton.
- July 2. Edward F. Heffernan of Sandwich, Flora L. Chipman of Brockton.
- Aug. 6. Thomas F. Dean of Sandwich, Eliza Byron of Onset.
- Aug. 30. John J. Nolan of Bourne, Jane S. Lander of Bourne.
- Oct. 15. Adelbert E. Boyden of Sandwich, Carrie M. Chipman of Sandwich.
- Nov. 4. Herbert E. McConnell of Sandwich, Rose H. Harris of Sandwich.
- Nov. 26. Ellis R. Bolles of Mattapoisett, Olive F. Hoxie of Sandwich.
- Dec. 23. George A. A. Gibbs of Sandwich, Lizzie M. Trench of Sandwich.
- Dec. 24. Eugene B. Atwood of Sandwich, Bessie A. Tribou of Sagamore.
- Dec. 30. Nikaloi Maki of Sagamore, Anna Rok of Sandwich.

DEATHS.

Deaths recorded in the Town Clerk's office during the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

			AGE		
			Years.	Months.	Days.
Feb. 2.	Sylvanus N. Freeman,	60	11	20	
Feb. 11.	Benjamin H. Atkins,	59	2	12	
Feb. 23.	Elizabeth Merchant,	71			
Mar. 11.	James E. Parks,	32	5		
Mar. 15.	Paulina F. Hamlen,	81			
Mar. 20.	Annie Colburn,	57	10		
Mar. 22.	Thomas F. Atkins,	64			
Apr. 22.	Abbie S. Fisher,	80	10		
Apr. 26.	Isaac H. Wing,	71	2		
Apr. 29.	Mary P. Fish,	77			
May 12.	Sophronia R. Newcomb,	79	10		
July 12.	George B. Nye,	76			3
Aug. 11.	Thomas Baker,	82	3	27	
Aug. 11.	James Atkins,	78	2		
Aug. 18.	Delia G. Lovell,	80	10		
Sept. 5.	Alfred E. Hoey,	16	5		
Oct. 4.	George F. Lapham,	73	11	4	
Oct. 9.	Charles Swift.				
Oct. 26.	Mehitable H. Crocker,	66	10		
Oct. 31.	Patience E. Denson,	"	1	7	
Nov. 5.	Joseph Ewer,	73	4		
Nov. 23.	Irene D. Lloyd,	57			
Dec. 7.	Thomas Greenan,	78			
Dec. 30.	Heman Nye,	84	5	9	

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I herewith submit the sixth annual report of the general condition of the Public Library for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

The number of books purchased has been 159. The number circulated 6,648, being an increase of 481 over last year. The reading room has been well patronized both by youths and adults.

Generous donations have been received from Mr. Edward Swift and the Jefferson entertainment, which have added materially to the funds of the Library.

Great credit is due all those who so successfully originated and participated in the latter. Aside from its financial value, it gave the citizens of Sandwich and surrounding towns a most enjoyable treat in the way of listening to Mr. Jefferson's delightful remarks concerning the stage and his early experiences thereon, while other pleasant features of the evening in vocal and instrumental music were also enjoyed.

We cannot adequately express our thanks to the executive committee and also to the great actor who so kindly honored us, in behalf of our small library, with his valuable services.

Thanks are due Mr. James H. Nickerson, who so kindly gave the use of the Casino for this entertainment as well as several previous ones.

Thanks are also due Mr. Eugene Bourne, who has from time to time kindly furnished us with neatly typewritten lists of new books for the bulletin boards.

It is hoped that interest in the Library will continue as heretofore, as no institution in town is more worthy the support of her citizens.

ALICE R. COOKE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

To cash on hand Jan. 1, 1897,	\$146.77
Town appropriation,	100.00
Jefferson entertainment.	417.75
Fines,	20.00
Sale of catalogues,	1.40
Sale of magazines,	2.25
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	\$688.17

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By cash for books,	\$164.43
Magazines,	27.00
Librarian's salary,	56.60
For fuel,	8.39
For wrapping paper, paste, etc.,	10.52
For shelves,	10.42
For freight, postage, etc.,	2.40
By cash on hand,	408.51
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	\$688.17.

B. G. BARTLEY, *Treasurer.*

SANDWICH, Jan. 23, 1897.

We the members of the Finance Committee of the Trustees of the Sandwich Public Library, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of Benjamin G. Bartley, Treasurer, for the year 1896 and find them correct.

S. B. FLAGG,
JOHN F. CARLETON,

Finance Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SANDWICH,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

→ 1896 ←

NEW BEDFORD, MASS. :
THE NEW BEDFORD PRINTING COMPANY,
1897.



CALENDAR

1897.

HIGH SCHOOL.

WINTER TERM.

Commences January 4. . . Closes March 26.

SPRING TERM.

Commences April 5. . . Closes June 25.

FALL TERM.

Commences September 13. . . Closes December 17.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

WINTER TERM.

Commences December 28, 1896. . Closes March 19.

SPRING TERM.

Commences April 5. . . Closes June 25.

FALL TERM.

Commences October 11.* . . Closes December 17.

*Should cranberry picking threaten to seriously interfere with attendance this date will be postponed one week.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1896.

DR. R. H. FAUNCE, Chairman,	Term expires 1897
FRANK A. FISHER,	" " "
CHARLES DILLINGHAM,	" " "
MRS. ELIZABETH CLARK,	Term expires 1898
ROBERT ARMSTRONG,	" " "
JAMES L. LAWRENCE,	" " "
MRS. H. A. MORSE,	Term expires 1899
FRANCIS R. HOLWAY,	" " "
DR. J. H. STEVENS,	" " "

ERNEST J. EDMANDS,

Superintendent of Schools, and Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Sandwich:—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :—I respectfully present the following as my third annual report as superintendent of the schools of Sandwich, the fifth annual report of a superintendent acting under the district system.

ATTENDANCE.

During the past year two hundred and seventy-six pupils have been enrolled in our schools, or seventeen less than in 1895. Of these the net loss in the village has been fourteen, most of which has been from the Jarvesville school.

Spring Hill and Farmersville also show a decrease, while the Scorton school shows an increase.

The High, Intermediate and Scorton schools show a higher average membership than last year and the average membership of all the schools during the year is two-tenths more than last year, showing a much better average attendance of pupils enrolled, being 76.9 per cent. in 1896 and 73.7 per cent. in 1895. Owing to the heavy crop of cranberries the per cent. of attendance reckoned on the average membership has fallen from 94.2 per cent. to 92.6 per cent. Two schools, the High and Farmersville school, show a better per cent. than last year, although the Grammar school shows the highest percentage of any.

The number of tardinesses per pupil is about the same, having increased in the village schools and decreased in the outside schools. The beginning of the village schools a week

earlier during the cranberry season perhaps partially accounts for this, and, when the opportunities of the year for children to work are compared with those of last year, our attendance as a whole is full as good.

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Dear Sir:—Thirteen cases have been reported to me during the year for investigation, and I have generally been pleasantly helped in my duties by the parents.

I would recommend that in the future all cases be reported to me before truancy becomes a habit, and would also suggest that next year the truant officer report the names of those whom he has been obliged to visit more than once during the year for violation of school laws.

Respectfully,

THOMAS MONTAGUE,

Truant Officer.

TEACHERS.

That, "The teacher makes the school," is as true in the most modern and well equipped school of today as in the log school house of our forefathers. Each year the struggle to obtain well qualified teachers grows more intense. "The trouble is not to find positions for good teachers, but teachers fitted for good positions," said one of the proprietors of the largest teachers' agencies to your superintendent not long since.

National and state educators have so thoroughly spread the gospel of a better education and the need of better equipped

teachers that even the smallest and most remote districts are unsatisfied with any teacher who is not an expert in knowledge and training.

New normal schools have been established, cities have experimented with training schools, yet in spite of ready access to both, the time of the superintendents, even of our largest and most progressive cities, is seriously encroached upon by the often vain hunt for competent teachers.

The greater the activity of the larger centers in selecting teachers, the greater becomes the duty of the officers of the smaller towns from whom a constant flow of the best teachers is passing, to see that the most competent teachers be obtained the town can afford.

The superintendent has only such power in the selection of teachers as is delegated to him by the committee, yet as he is brought into more personal relations with the teachers, pupils and studies, he must realize the loss to a school during the making of a good teacher from one only partially trained, better than any one else can possibly do.

The superintendent is often asked why so large a percentage of teachers who call themselves trained do not succeed. A brief account of the sources of supply of such teachers may possibly be the best reply.

The majority of high schools demand college graduates as instructors. In the past no account was given by the colleges that in them the future teacher should obtain some knowledge of the principles which underlie the most fruitful teaching.

Today this is somewhat changed, but it is too true that many of our college graduates are not only ignorant of the first principles of brain action but are lamentably so of the essentials which a first-class grammar school teaches, that they are better able to construe a Latin sentence than to write or correct an English one. The tendency in our colleges to specialize makes an inquiry by the committee of the branches acquired by the candidates more important than in the past.

Graduates from four years normal courses are doing good work, especially in inspiring in other teachers inquiry into the habits of their pupils' thoughts.

The normal schools of the state are sending out a steady stream of teachers, but experience proved that the standard of admittance was too low and pupils poorly equipped in knowledge or natural aptitude could not be made into successful teachers, and many have received diplomas simply because the demand for teachers was so great that even those whom the normal authorities hesitated to recommend often proved better than the majority of untrained teachers.

It is safe to assume that a town which wishes to raise the character of its schools will obtain the opinion of the principal rather than depend upon the diploma of the normal school before entrusting vital interests to its graduates.

Because of the scarcity of teachers which even a low admittance to the normal schools did not remedy and because educators sought to protect the schools from influences which often placed home teachers in schools regardless of the proficiency of the candidates, influences before which superintendents and principals and in many cases even the committee found themselves powerless, training schools have been established, but while of some present advantages to the town in which they are located, they have, in many instances, proven of doubtful value. Politicians and friends have insisted of teachers and superintendents that pupils unfitted to teach should be granted diplomas and recommended for election to positions or those entrusted with their training would be dismissed. The distrust of these schools has been so great in places where they are located that graduates have been refused positions until they have succeeded elsewhere. Several superintendents have said to the writer that few of the graduates who immediately engage elsewhere ought to be entrusted with schools. One of the best training schools is at

Lowell. It is, in fact, a small normal school. I quote from the Superintendent's report of last year :

"As a school for children, the Lowell Training School has thirteen rooms, with an attendance of from five hundred to six hundred children, comprising all the grades of the primary and grammar schools. It employs a principal, two unassigned assistant or critic teachers, six teachers in charge of rooms, and is at present furnishing work to eleven pupil-teachers of the senior and middle classes. Its course is one and one-half years, the first half year being devoted to normal work and observation and the last year to practice in teaching. Its corps of teachers should regularly include one more unassigned assistant. . . . The most of them (pupils) are recent graduates of the High School. It is only reasonable to expect, therefore, that they have added little to, and perhaps have forgotten much of, that which they knew of grammar school studies when they left the grammar schools. And yet a knowledge of these studies is exactly that which is most needed in the Training School and in teaching, . . . but once in the school they lack the preparation, many of them at least, to go on with its distinctive work. For it should be understood that the Training School was not established to teach subjects, but pedagogic principles and methods of teaching . . . and that its only function, in this respect, is to teach its students the proper method of imparting to others the knowledge which they themselves are supposed to already possess. I say 'supposed,' because this as strong a word as it is safe to use in many cases, and I know that I echo the opinion of every teacher the school has ever had when I say that the greatest need of the school is for a broader culture and more thorough knowledge of arithmetic, grammar, geography, etc., on the part of those who enter it."

That the work of the school, excellent as it is, is not, in the opinion of the superintendent or school committee, a substitute

for a normal school, is shown by the recent struggle to obtain the establishment of a state normal school in that city.

Superintendent Bates, of Fall River, in his last annual report says of the training school there: "I believe that the young women in our training school work up to the full limit of their powers. By their preparation for their class exercises and by their lessons with the principal teachers, their time out of school is well filled. Add to this the fatigue of instructing in the school, and it becomes evident that the work of the pupil-teachers is very hard. I am of the opinion that it would be better to make ours a two years' course, even if we should require no more work in the two years than we now get in a year and a half, for with more time the preparation for teaching would be more deliberate, methods and principles would be more clearly comprehended, and the health of our pupil-teachers would be less impaired. But a longer course would give time that is greatly needed for wider reading along educational lines, and for a better study of the subjects that are to be taught. It would be idle to contend that a year and a half in a city training school is as good a preparation for teaching as two years in the splendidly organized and fully equipped normal schools of our state. I believe that the time is at hand when the city training schools will make their course equal to that of the normal schools."

The training school at Quincy stands perhaps as a type of a less pretentious method of illustrating that if regularly and thoroughly organized teachers cannot be obtained it is better that the teacher have some training than none.

This class of schools admit as pupils, without examination, such as have completed any so-called high school course or have done equivalent work, and bring certificates of good health and character. Lectures are given by the superintendent as he finds time to give them, books are recommended for study, and pupils are sent to different schools to observe work done and assist as the teachers can make them useful, often, it

is feared, regardless of the ability of the teacher in charge to instruct.

In them no special course is required to obtain a recommendation to teach, and pupils, while nominally required to remain a year, more often leave in a few months and sometimes in a few weeks.

That such training cannot ensure success is not to be wondered at. The superintendent of the Quincy school writes me: "We are not making teachers for the trade. Even our own (Quincy) girls are not given positions from the *Training Class*. They must first work as assistants—generally one or two years. They are, however, far ahead of a girl of the same capacity who has had *no training*. Whether the trainer *will be* (not is) competent we can only guess."

Academies, seminaries and even high schools are in some cases giving their pupils instruction upon the art of teaching, but it is of little aid unless teachers especially fitted for the work are in charge.

These several methods of special preparation emphasizes the intensity of the thought of those most conversant with child training that to place a single child under the care of a teacher appointed for any other reason than especial fitness should be considered a crime.

It is probable that from the graduates of our own schools and those in near proximity the best and most permanent teachers can be obtained, yet no one should be entrusted with the care of the schools whose scholarship is in doubt or who has not elsewhere in a similar school by an experience which has been thoroughly investigated, been proven successful or has not obtained through considerable training the recommendation of those who are experts in teaching teachers.

The superintendent again thanks the teachers who have worked with him, giving their time in and out of school, not simply for the money which their services have brought

them, but because of the sense of responsibility which they have felt in the making of the future citizen.

Nineteen teachers have been employed during the year, or four more than during the year previous, averaging over two teachers to each school; two only, Miss Newhall and Miss Newcomb, remaining continuously in the same school throughout the year. While all changes have not been as your superintendent might wish, he believes the present corps of teachers as a whole is stronger than a year ago. While great care in the selection of teachers cannot be too strongly urged, teachers once elected should be given every opportunity to gain success. The superintendent with no mental reservation wishes to thank each teacher now employed for the hearty manner with which he or she has met his suggestions and for the hard work and thought most of them have given. He believes nearly if not every teacher is doing her best and trying to do better.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The work of the High School has continued to increase in efficiency, and while not showy has been continuously good.

The graduating exercises in June showed power of thought and expression gained by its participants and reflected credit upon the school.

The principal has kindly outlined in his report the language course which has been attempted, and the good results of it are every week more apparent in the increased breadth of thought of the pupils.

The interruption to the school work caused by the sickness of the principal during the fall term was unfortunate, but few persons could have been found to take up his work who could have commanded the respect of the school as quickly as did his substitute, Mr. Leonard.

A few of the pupils have not yet the power of exact thought which persons of their age and class standing should have, and

because they lack this power their work often seems impracticable. The best way to secure that practicability, so often deplored as wanting in the work of graduates, is for parents and citizens to insist of teachers that the pupils must be able to understand and exactly express that which they have studied rather than, "He must be graduated."

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Honorable School Board:—

The work of the High School for the past year has been more satisfactory than in any previous year of the present teacher. The moral tone of the school has improved and the school as a whole has grown. The entering class this year gives evidence of better preparation. The science work has been strengthened by the introduction of a more advanced course in Chemistry and a course in Experimental Physiology has been planned along the lines lately suggested by Mrs. Halleck.

We believe that the work done in English has been strong and profitable, and as that is the most completely developed branch the outline for the four years is herewith appended:

COURSE IN ENGLISH.

First Year.

Prose Work:

1. Dickens: Christmas Carol.
2. Irving: Legend of Sleepy Hollow.

Selections to be studied with reference to the figures of speech; also for their moral value.

Study of the lives of the authors and a comparison of the literary style.

Poetry :

1. Whittier: Snow Bound ; Among the Hills.
2. Longfellow: Courtship of Miles Standish.
3. Lowell: The Vision of Sir Launfal.

Study of figures of speech, paraphrasing and memorizing. Should circumstances permit, Scott's Lady of the Lake may be read this year.

Study of the lives of the authors and a comparison of the literary style.

Supplemental Work :

First Term :

Ten minute daily themes.

Compositions of not less than three hundred words on Fridays.

Reading of at least one book every two weeks and a report on the same.

Second Term :

Spelling and composition as above.

Third Term :

Same as in second.

Second Year.

Character Study :

1. Cooper: The Deer Slayer.

Life of the author; his style and the value of his works.

Technical work in definition, figures of speech, etc.

2. Scott: Ivanhoe.

Historical setting, character study, definition, etc.

3. Dickens: Tale of Two Cities.

Life of the author; study of the historical setting; author's style and a comparison of Scott and Dickens. Technical work as before.

4. George Eliot:

Author's life and literary style; study of characters. Comparison of Dickens and Scott.

Third Year.

Description in Fiction and Introduction to the Drama :

1. Irving: The Alhambra.
Historical setting; literary style.
2. Selections from Longfellow, Emerson, Lowell, and Thoreau.
3. Study of the Drama as illustrated by Shakespeare's Julius Cæsar and Merchant of Venice.

Supplemental Work :

Reading of at least one book every three weeks.
Essay on "The Moors in Spain."

Fourth Year.

Shakespeare and the British Poets :

1. Hamlet.
2. Macbeth.
3. Midsummer Night's Dream.
4. As You Like It; or The Tempest.
5. Study of the British Poets and their best poems.

Supplemental Work :

Essay on Hamlet.
Supposed speech of Cassius.
Reading of the College requirements in English and reports on the same.
Compositions, debates or declamation in all grades every week.

In consideration of the large number now in the English course who in all probability will not remain more than three years, it would seem advisable to extend the mathematical course even at the sacrifice of a year in modern languages. This can best be done by dropping the German of the present course and adding a course in Business Forms and Law.

As a means of gaining greater efficiency in English we would suggest that Latin be made a compulsory study in the first year.

We wish to acknowledge the increased interest shown by the committee the last year. Once more we urge upon the parents the duty of keeping in touch with the work of the school. All writers on education agree that unless the parents co-operate with the teachers the school cannot fulfil its highest function. The home is an important factor in education; in the future as in the past the family must be the principal power of the American people. In consideration of this and of the fact that the work of education can succeed only when home and school work in harmony we would urge, as we have before, a greater intimacy between the parents and the school.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. WEBBER.

SCHOOL YEAR.

The advantages of the lengthened school year, voted at the last town meeting, have been apparent but will be more so in the future to the grammar school graduate who has a half year added to his course by the aggregate of weeks during an eight year course.

TEACHERS' AUTHORITY.

The following from the Wellfleet school report of last year equally applies to our own schools:

"A few words in regard to the authority of teachers outside of the school room may be helpful in avoiding misunderstandings. In the halls and in the yards, just as much as in the school room, every teacher has authority to maintain order. When there are two or more teachers in the same building, it

is customary for the teacher of the highest grade to act as principal and for the other teachers to co-operate as assistants in all matters outside of their respective rooms. Between the school and the home, the authority of the teacher is concurrent with that of the parent, and hence it is important that there should be a mutual understanding between parent and teacher. The nature of the teacher's authority is the same as that of a kind and judicious parent, and consequently the same deference and respect is due from the pupils that is required by such a parent, and this respect is to be maintained out of school as well as in school. These statements are made in the belief that they have been sustained by the decisions of the courts, and that, therefore, extended comment is unnecessary. It may be proper to remark in this connection that school yards are not public commons, and that no one has a right upon them without the consent of the school committee."

SALARIES.

The adding of two weeks to the school year has slightly increased the total salaries paid, but increased difficulty must be felt each year in obtaining good teachers.

The laws of supply and demand can be the only guide in finally determining the salaries to be paid in the several schools. To retain successful teachers they must be paid larger salaries than beginners.

Of several factors which should be considered in determining salaries, the following are the most obvious:—

First. Price of board in Sandwich, higher than in most places of similar size in the state.

Second. Number of pupils taught.

Third. Number of grades.

Fourth. Condition of the schools.

Fifth. Demands made of the schools as to the quantity and quality of the work required.

Sixth. Support given the teacher by the patrons of the schools. A medium teacher can do better work when well supported by parents than a better teacher whose parents are either ignorantly or wilfully negligent or malicious in their contact with the teachers.

CONSOLIDATION.

The increase in the number of pupils in the Scorton school put off its consolidation with the village school.

The number of pupils in the Spring Hill school is now reduced to ten, making the cost of the school for tuition relatively very high. It is for the committee to recommend and the town to decide whether the school shall be consolidated with the village schools, thus giving a much needed inspiration to its upper classes.

REPAIRS.

Little has been done outside of small general repairs except to have one side of the School Street building shingled.

The plastering of the Grammar and Intermediate rooms has been in danger of falling, but has been kept in place by screws and washers along the worst cracks. Something should be done to these rooms in the near future, and the changing of the building into a four-room building to include the pupils of the West Primary school should be seriously considered, thus saving a continual increase of expense for repairs upon the latter building, as well as removing pupils from close proximity to the river, and bringing them nearer most of their homes.

BOOKS.

Next to good teachers, good books are perhaps the most important aid to the pupil. Text books should not only contain the matter needed, but have it arranged interestingly and in a logical order.

The introduction of Walsh's arithmetic a year ago has thus far proved increasingly satisfactory and much work of copying of examples from black board work arranged by the teacher and hurtful to the eyes has been done away with. Those teachers who adhere closest to the thought of the author seem to like the arithmetics best. The wearing out of the old geographies necessitated during the year the procuring of a large supply of new ones and Frye's geographies were adopted as the best in the market.

Outside of the reading books, Sandwich is now well equipped in her lower schools and the demand for more and better literature is constantly made by the teachers. The books of the High School, while not entirely the best, form a much better list than at any time for several years.

VERTICAL WRITING.

For over three years your superintendent has watched the discussion of the relative merits of the so-called vertical and slanting handwriting, seeing in it a possible solution to the problem of legibility, neatness and fair rapidity.

Probably no problem has in the past vexed the patience of the average village and rural teacher as much as that of obtaining good handwriting. Occasionally a teacher who has been an expert, by giving an attention to the subject entirely out of proportion to the time that could be legitimately given to it, has obtained good results from the majority of her pupils, but upon a change of teachers the writing has again found its average level.

Feeling that it was an experiment, it was introduced as such during the fall term, and thus far it has exceeded the expectations concerning it. Teachers who, if they did not oppose it only endured it, are now enthusiastic in its favor, and I believe all feel that with the same amount of time and study given it much better results can be reached than by the slanting system.

As the vertical characters have been developed by experts since its first introduction, rapidity has been gained and it is now claimed by many to be as rapid as the slanting system and daily growing, through new changes, more so, while its unrivalled legibility remains unchallenged.

In the primary grades the greater similarity of the letters to the script of the text book has enabled the pupils to work more easily and with much gain of time.

It is now expected that a longer test will make the vertical writing in our schools not an experiment but a permanency.

The following from the Wellesley town report of last year explains itself:

"As pioneers, we first sent to England for copies and instructions, and hence have a comparatively long experience upon which to base our judgment. . . . We are not now in the least anxious. The pupil has no variety of loop letters and curves to worry over (in fact, vertical writing gives almost no chance for flourishing or shading); he has no definite angle of slope to keep in mind to which all letters must conform; he has only to place the paper in front of him and sit before it in a healthy, upright position. So we can exact from him in all work at home or at school, in compositions, or in arithmetical problems, just as correct form and neat appearance as in a writing lesson. Inasmuch as there is no strained effort to obey rules to write well, the vertical hand once formed does not degenerate so easily; and from the standpoint of legibility the blessings of upper grade and high school teachers, as well as of parents, have already been showered unsparingly."

EXHIBITION.

The following explains itself:

To E. J. EDMANDS, Superintendent:—

In response to your request that we act as a committee to decide which of the schools of Sandwich presented the best display, taking into consideration the resources and number of

grades in each school, at the exhibition of work March 20, 1896, we report as follows :

The exhibition was as a whole of a much higher character than that of last June, and a decision as to the merits of the display was harder to reach.

It was decided that the improvement over last year's display in execution, originality and inspiration gave the High School the first place.

Next in order came the Jarvesville Primary school. The exhibition showing variety, originality and a certain strain of happy feeling much to be desired between teacher and pupil. The same was noticeable in the School Street Primary under less difficulties.

The third place was given to the Grammar School for improvement in uniformity and execution.

The work of the Intermediate School reflected credit upon each teacher in charge during the year, and could either have taught continuously the school would have stood a better chance of securing the honors of last year.

The work of the mixed schools of Spring Hill and South Sandwich showed a creditable advancement over last year's display.

We feel that this report would not be complete without expressing great appreciation of the untiring efforts of our superintendent in helping to bring about such good results.

Respectfully,

HARRIET A. MORSE,
ELIZABETH CLARK,
SARAH T. McLAUGHLIN.

SUMMARY.

Methods which in the earlier period of our country would have ensured business success if adhered to today mean financial ruin.

The problems of the manufacturer or railroad magnate of a few years ago were largely mechanical but today they are more of a social nature and the adjustment of the rights of the capitalists and laborers tax them to the utmost. The demands which are made of our teachers today have largely changed the educational problem.

It is hard to realize that with increase of salaries there has also come more than an equal increase of demands and that each year more is required of a superintendent to keep up the general average of his schools. A comparison of the salaries paid at different periods helps us to realize that there is a difference, even if it seems unaccountable. In 1846, in the city of Cambridge, \$1500 was paid for the salary of the High school teacher, \$700 for a principal of a Grammar school, and \$225 for female teachers. The same positions now pay \$3,000 for the High school, \$2,000 for the Grammar school, and \$620 for female teachers.

Many discouraging things have come under the notice of the superintendent during the year. All has not been done that he hoped for, but some good has been accomplished, and as he notes the changes that have been made he believes that with the opportunities given, our schools as a whole have done well.

The reduction of the number of the committee, voted at the last town meeting, will lead, it is hoped, to a closer co-operation between committee, superintendent and teachers and promises more concentrated care of our schools.

To the committee who have been an inspiration and substantial help to the superintendent by their words of advice and encouragement, the superintendent returns his hearty thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. EDMANDS,
Superintendent.

GRADE TABLE.

Showing grades and number of pupils in each, of each school during the fall term of 1896, with ages reckoned to the completion of the grade work July 1, 1897.

SCHOOLS.	I		II		III		IV		V		VI		VII		VIII		Total
	Number Pupils	Average Age <i>y m</i>	Number Pupils	Average Age <i>y m</i>	Number Pupils	Average Age <i>y m</i>	Number Pupils	Average Age <i>y m</i>	Number Pupils	Average Age <i>y m</i>	Number Pupils	Average Age <i>y m</i>	Number Pupils	Average Age <i>y m</i>	Number Pupils	Average Age <i>y m</i>	
High	12,	15-2	8,	16-4	9,	17-4	5,	17-7					15,	14-0	10,	13-9	34
Grammar																	25
Intermediate																	51
School Street Primary	13,	6-2	14,	8-1					25,	11-10	26,	12-9					27
West Primary					13,	8-9											30
Jarvesville	8,				10,	8-1	17,	10-0									31
Spring Hill			4,	7-10	1,	8-3	13,	10-3									11
Scorton	3,	6-6	5,	7-7	2,	7-11	4,	10-11	1,	10-0	1,	12-6					19
Farmersville			6,	9-3	6,	9-9	2,	11-6	3,	11-6	4,	12-7			1,	16-10	22
Total in lower grades	38,	7-1	29,	7-10	32,	8-8	36,	10-3	29,	11-9	31,	12-9	24,	14-4	11,	14-0	316

STATISTICS, 1896.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Boys enrolled.	Girls enrolled.	Total enrolled.	Pupils over 15 years of age.	Pupils under 15 years of age.	Between 8 and 14 years of age.	Average member-ship.	Average attend-ance.	Per cent. attendance.	Tardinesses.	Tardinesses per pupil.
High	{ A. B. Webber, Prin. Jonathan Leonard,* Ella A. Newhall, Asst.	12	18	30	23	0	0	31.1	29.3	94.2	93	3.0
Grammar	{ Maud Morton, 2 terms. Adeline S. Keith, 1 term. Charlotte E. Jones.	15	10	25	2	0	17	24.0	22.7	94.7	116	4.4
Intermediate	{ Agnes L. Hayward,* Grace E. Donovan, 1 term. Martha R. Newcomb.	23	20	43	1	0	37	42.4	39.5	93.2	114	2.7
Primary	{ Elizabeth Higgins, 2 terms Lillian E. Haines, 1 term. Grace E. Donovan, 2 terms	30	11	41	0	2	6	21.6	20.1	93.0	88	4.1
West Primary	{ Lillian E. Haines, 1 term. Grace E. Donovan, 2 terms Nellie A. Clorety, 1 term.	18	15	33	0	0	24	29.3	26.7	91.1	103	3.5
Jarvesville	{ Lillian E. Haines, 2 terms. Nannie W. Foster, 1 term. Martha Blake, 1 term.	21	18	39	0	2	20	30.9	27.2	94.5	37	1.2
Spring Hill	{ Lella M. Payson, 1 term. Mrs. L. M. P. Dickey, 1 term Adeline Cashman, 1 term	9	8	17	0	0	10	11.5	10.6	92.2	19	1.7
Scorton	{ Mary R. Dalton, 1 term.	9	11	20	1	0	7	16.5	15.3	93.1	17	1.0
Farmersville		16	12	28	3	0	12	22.1	20.9	94.6	16	0.7
	Totals,	153	123	276	30	4	133	229.4	212.3	92.6	603	2.6

*Substituted white principal was sick.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS. :

Town appropriation,	\$5,000.00	
Dog Tax,	193.96	
Mass. School Fund,	425.60	
State aid for superintendent,	562.50	
Books returned,	17.22	
Cash received,	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$6,201.78

EXPENDITURES :

Salaries,	\$4,486.45	
Books and supplies,	360.97	
Janitors,	257.21	
Repairs,	179.33	
Fuel,	256.95	
Transportation,	253.50	
School Committee,	30.65	
Sundries,	73.69	
	<hr/>	\$5,898.75
Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1897,		<hr/> \$303.03

ESTIMATES FOR 1897.

Teachers' salaries,	\$4,050.00	
Superintendent,	675.00	
Fuel,	255.00	
Books, etc.,	300.00	
Repairs, ordinary,	200.00	
Janitors,	300.00	
Transportation,	255.00	
Sundries,	127.50	
	<hr/>	\$6,162.50
Probable receipts from State :		
Superintendent fund,	\$562.50	
School fund,	400.00	
Dog tax,	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,162.50
To be raised by taxation,		<hr/> \$5,000.00





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